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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
Chair
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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Dear Chair Landrieu and Ranking Member Murkowski,

We write to express our concern regarding the pending nomination of Rhea Suh to be the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the Department of the Interior. It is our understanding that the Committee is having a business meeting tomorrow, March 27, 2014, to consider her qualifications for this nomination. If confirmed, Suh would oversee and coordinate federal policy for the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ms. Suh has a history of hindering natural gas development throughout the country. In 2007, while working for The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, she claimed that energy development was one of the Foundation's most active issues. Further, Suh admitted that the focus was on natural gas development throughout the West. She stated, "the pace and magnitude of this development is easily the single greatest threat to the ecological integrity of the West."

Since 2007, Suh has continued to oppose natural gas production. In Colorado, natural gas is vital to local economies and jobs. The shale gas revolution taking place in our state has created economic benefit, and has made the United States the world's largest natural gas producer.

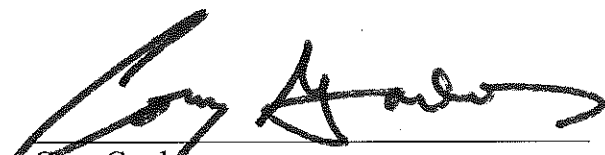
The recent events taking place overseas with Russia and Ukraine have highlighted the domestic production of natural gas, along with the sale of this gas to other countries. While the United States is the world's largest natural gas producer, Russia remains the largest exporter of this energy source. President Putin's control over the natural gas market in Europe has the potential to give Russia unnecessary power and influence throughout the region.

The United States' natural gas resource provides us with a powerful policy tool and incredible geopolitical benefits. Congress is currently investigating the benefits of increasing liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports, which would aid our allies abroad against Russia's aggression. As

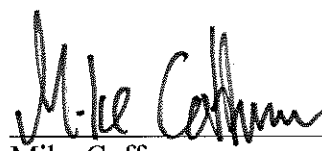
such, now is not the time to confirm a Presidential nomination that has a strong record against natural gas development, and a desire to avoid the global natural gas market.

Under Senate rules, once a nominee is voted out of committee, there is little that can be done to prevent full confirmation. Please understand that Ms. Suh's nomination will have a significant impact on energy production, specifically natural gas production and LNG exports. We encourage you to vote against her confirmation.

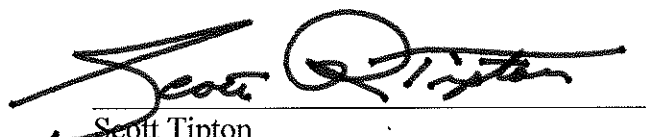
Sincerely,




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